

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

IN RECOGNITION of "HATTIE MCDANIEL"

WHEREAS, Hattie McDaniel was born June 10, 1895 in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of a Baptist minister and a spiritual singer; and

WHEREAS, Soror Hattie McDaniel, a charter member of the Sigma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, She was an American singer and actress; and

WHEREAS, Hattie McDaniel portrayed 'Mammy' in *Gone With the Wind* which premiered in December of 1939; and

WHEREAS, She was the first African American performer to win the coveted *Oscar* at the Twelfth Annual Academy Awards on February 29, 1940; and

WHEREAS, She also became the first African American to sing on network radio in the United States; and

WHEREAS, She continued to star in numerous films and continued to make radio appearances in until 1951 when she entered the world of television with her character "Beulah"; and

WHEREAS, Hattie McDaniel died on October 2, 1952 and was the first African American to be buried in Los Angeles' Rosedale Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, She is recognized on the commemorative Heritage Stamp in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2006, as "HATTIE MCDANIEL DAY" in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in honoring this phenomenal woman who blazed trails in television, film, and radio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

Given under my hand  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006

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Deke Copenhaver  
Mayor

